

Satellite Radio provides a significant improvement over broadcast radio. I can drive literally from coast to coast and receive the satellite broadcast. Throughout my travels I can keep informed via several news channels and be entertained in multiple "virtual" venues. It is particularly useful in rural areas, where there simply are no broadcast channels. Finally, when I get home, I can move the receiver into my home and receive the same fine programming.

I always know where my favorite stations are and in fact they are pre-programmed into my unit so trying to find them is not a distraction.

During the drive, I am not bombarded with repetitive advertising and stupid jingles. I only get the content that I want and pay for.

Using XM, I can check the traffic for a specific urban area an hour or two out and adjust my route accordingly. You certainly cannot do that with broadcast radio, nor would you know which frequency to tune to. In my mind, this is a significant safety and comfort advantage.

Finally, the fidelity for broadcast FM and AM are significantly inferior to that of digital satellite radio.

I cannot understand why the National Association of Broadcasters would want to suppress the consumer advantage of satellite radio. The only reason that I can think of is lack of revenue on their part.

I, for one, believe that the satellite broadcasters should be able to provide any service that the consumer is willing to pay for; not be forced by big business to limit the system's utility to the consumer. I further believe that the Federal Communications Commission should reject NAB petition 04-160. To do otherwise would be a disservice to the U.S. Consumer.